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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
SATOU et al.)
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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims by deleting claims 17-37. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: